

SENATE BILL 852

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CF HB 497

By: **Senators Ramirez and Kelley**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2013

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Consumer Protection – Sales of Goods and Services – Receipt Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring merchants to provide to a consumer, at a certain time, a
4 written receipt for a sale of consumer goods or services under certain
5 circumstances; authorizing merchants to provide an electronic receipt to a
6 consumer in lieu of a written receipt for a sale of consumer goods or services
7 under certain circumstances; prohibiting merchants from charging consumers
8 for the receipt; and generally relating to receipts for the sale of consumer goods
9 and services.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Commercial Law

12 Section 13–320

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Commercial Law**

18 **13–320.**

19 **(A) (1) AT THE TIME OF SALE OF CONSUMER GOODS OR SERVICES, A**
20 **MERCHANT SHALL PROVIDE A WRITTEN RECEIPT FOR THE SALE TO A**
21 **CONSUMER UNLESS THE CONSUMER AGREES NOT TO RECEIVE A WRITTEN**
22 **RECEIPT.**

23 **(2) A MERCHANT MAY PROVIDE AN ELECTRONIC RECEIPT TO A**
24 **CONSUMER IN LIEU OF A WRITTEN RECEIPT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **SUBSECTION IF THE CONSUMER AGREES TO RECEIVE AN ELECTRONIC RECEIPT**
2 **FOR THE SALE.**

3 **(B) A MERCHANT MAY NOT CHARGE A CONSUMER FOR A RECEIPT FOR**
4 **THE SALE OF CONSUMER GOODS OR SERVICES.**

5 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
6 **October 1, 2013.**